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TITLE: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TEMPERING AND HUMIDIFYING GAS,
ESPECIALLY RESPIRATORY AIR

Preliminary Amendment: ABSTRACT AMENDMENTS

On page 25, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The ~~invention refers to a~~ device and a process for the heating and humidification of gas, especially respiratory gas. ~~By design, fluid~~ Fluid from a fluid reservoir is supplied to a sprinkling type chamber where, for the purpose of humidification, it is moved through the gas. The point is that the fluid is heated by a temperature controlled heater to a preset temperature. In addition to the description of the device, a description of the process underlying the operation of the device is ~~described~~ described.